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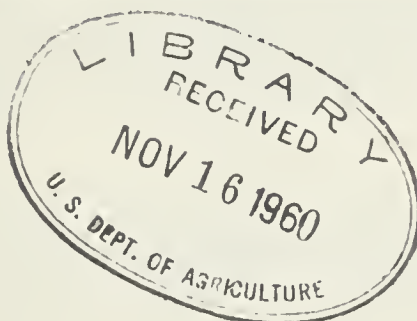
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## 1959 GARBANZO PRODUCTION

### UP 30 PERCENT FROM 1958

Production of garbanzos (chickpeas) in 18 reporting countries for 1959 exceeded 175 million bags. This was 30 percent over 1958, and almost 55 percent over the 1950-54 average. India and Pakistan, world's largest producers, accounted for over 90 percent of total production and 33 percent of the total increase. The balance of the production for 1959 was mainly Spain, Mexico, Turkey and Italy, where the aggregate increase over 1958 was negligible, but was 6 percent over the 1950-54 average.

Planting in the 18 reporting countries in 1959 totaled 30 million acres, a 7-percent increase over the 28 million in 1958, and 30 percent above the 1950-54 average. Garbanzo production for the last decade has been increasing rapidly in India, Pakistan, and Mexico. It has held fairly steady in the Middle East and Europe but declined in the African countries.

### The Americas

The United States and 3 reporting Latin American countries produced about 3 million bags of garbanzos in 1959. Mexico, the largest producer, raised 2.6 million bags, up 9 percent over 1958. Argentina harvested over 230,000 bags, 140 percent more than in 1958. Chile's 145,000 bags was up 12 percent over 1958. Output in the United States, a relatively small producer, was 65,000 bags in 1959, compared with 89,000 bags in 1958, a decrease of 27 percent.

### Europe

Five reporting countries in Europe produced 5.2 million bags of garbanzos in 1959. Spain, the largest producer, harvested 3 million bags, about equal to 1958 and the 1950-54 average. Italy, another large producer in 1959, with 1.1 million bags about equaled 1958, but the crop was 10 percent

under the 1950-54 average. Portugal produced almost 500,000 bags, 23 percent over 1958 and 35 percent over the 1950-54 average. Greece, with 380,000 bags was down 5 percent from 1958, and 8 percent over 1950-54. Yugoslavia, one of the smaller producers raised 150,000 bags in 1959, compared with 1958 an increase of 36 percent.

#### Middle East

The Middle East, with 4 reporting countries, produced over 2 million bags of garbanzos in 1959. Turkey produced 1.8 million bags, or 90 percent of the total. Syria raised 160,000 bags, while Jordan and Lebanon, smaller producers, had less than 100,000 bags combined. The Middle East was down 4 percent from 1958 and 9 percent under the 1950-54 average.

#### Far East

India and Pakistan produced between them over 160 million bags of garbanzos in 1959. India alone produced over 150 million bags, 40 percent higher than its 1958 production. Pakistan with 13 million bags, was down 13 percent from 1958.

#### Africa

Africa, with 3 countries reporting, harvested almost 850,000 bags. Morocco, largest producer in this group, harvested almost 420,000 bags of garbanzos in 1959, down 22 percent from 1958, 45 percent from the 1950-54 average. Production in Algeria and Egypt in 1959 was over 450,000 bags, with Algeria producing 300,000 bags, and Egypt the remainder.



GARBANZOS (CHICKPEAS), DRY EDIBLE: Acreage and production in specified countries,  
average 1950-54, annual 1957-1959

| Continent and country | Acreage     |             |             |             | Production    |               |               |               |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                       | 1950-54     | 1957        | 1958        | 1959        | 1950-54       | 1957          | 1958          | 1959          |
|                       | 1,000 acres | 1,000 acres | 1,000 acres | 1,000 acres | 1,000 bags 1/ | 1,000 bags 1/ | 1,000 bags 1/ | 1,000 bags 1/ |
| Americas:             |             |             |             |             |               |               |               |               |
| Argentina .....       | 15          | 15          | 14          | 22          | 95            | 110           | 99            | 238           |
| Chile .....           | 19          | 24          | 25          | 28          | 87            | 100           | 130           | 145           |
| Mexico .....          | 285         | 339         | 346         | 351         | 1,893         | 2,344         | 2,381         | 2,601         |
| United States .....   | 5           | 8           | 9           | 2/ 9        | 30            | 30            | 89            | 65            |
| Total .....           | 324         | 386         | 394         | 410         | 2,105         | 2,584         | 2,699         | 3,049         |
| Europe:               |             |             |             |             |               |               |               |               |
| Greece .....          | 61          | 57          | 56          | 57          | 355           | 424           | 402           | 382           |
| Italy .....           | 225         | 221         | 208         | 212         | 1,204         | 1,121         | 1,155         | 1,093         |
| Portugal .....        | 112         | 123         | 119         | 134         | 364           | 426           | 404           | 497           |
| Spain .....           | 847         | 699         | 704         | 704         | 3,238         | 2,888         | 3,086         | 3,086         |
| Yugoslavia .....      | 2/ 20       | 19          | 12          | 2/ 20       | 3/ 100        | 106           | 110           | 2/ 150        |
| Total .....           | 1,265       | 1,119       | 1,099       | 1,127       | 5,261         | 4,965         | 5,157         | 5,208         |
| Middle East:          |             |             |             |             |               |               |               |               |
| Lebanon .....         | 4           | 5           | 5           | 2/ 5        | 29            | 22            | 26            | 2/ 25         |
| Syria .....           | 69          | 72          | 88          | 2/ 90       | 360           | 273           | 154           | 2/ 160        |
| Turkey .....          | 195         | 208         | 212         | 214         | 1,840         | 1,984         | 1,984         | 1,874         |
| Jordan .....          | 2/ 20       | 15          | 9           | 10          | 3/ 83         | 81            | 40            | 2/ 50         |
| Total .....           | 288         | 300         | 314         | 319         | 2,312         | 2,360         | 2,204         | 2,109         |
| Far East:             |             |             |             |             |               |               |               |               |
| India .....           | 18,383      | 24,265      | 22,862      | 24,840      | 91,247        | 140,314       | 109,767       | 152,889       |
| Pakistan .....        | 2,670       | 3,380       | 3,239       | 3,140       | 12,988        | 16,072        | 15,410        | 13,448        |
| Total .....           | 21,053      | 27,645      | 26,101      | 27,980      | 104,235       | 156,386       | 125,177       | 166,337       |
| Africa:               |             |             |             |             |               |               |               |               |
| Algeria .....         | 63          | 57          | 55          | 2/ 60       | 263           | 302           | 291           | 2/ 300        |
| Egypt .....           | 14          | 11          | 11          | 11          | 194           | 143           | 159           | 2/ 159        |
| Morocco .....         | 185         | 86          | 131         | 104         | 757           | 231           | 617           | 419           |
| Total .....           | 262         | 154         | 197         | 175         | 1,214         | 676           | 1,067         | 878           |
| Grand Total .....     | 23,192      | 29,604      | 28,105      | 30,011      | 115,127       | 166,971       | 136,304       | 177,581       |

1/ 100-lb. bags. 2/ Office estimate. 3/ 4-year average.

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